

Re: SB 1089 An Act Concerning Mental Health Services

My name is Dr. Andrea Courtemanche and I live and work in West Hartford, Connecticut. I am a Board Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA) and faculty member at University of Saint Joseph where I teach students who are interested in earning their Master's degrees in applied behavior analysis (ABA) and becoming BCBAs. I spend the majority of my work teaching and training future behavior analysts. I am writing to enthusiastically support SB 1089 Sections 23-29. The bill's approval is essential to consumers of ABA services in the state. Licensure will provide protection to the consumers that behavior analysts serve and will provide a method of regulating the practice of ABA. The bill's approval is vital to protecting the vulnerable populations that we serve.

Thank you for considering these comments,

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